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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Responsive to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in the Notice of Allowance mailed December 12, 2008, the Applicant comments as follows.

Applicants agree with the Examiner that the claims in their present form are allowable.

Applicants note that each of the allowed claims of the application sets forth an independently patentable invention. The language in the Statement relates to the independent claims, and the other claims are allowable for reasons in addition to those set forth in the Statement.

To the extent the Statement refers to language not appearing in a claim or characterizes art referenced during prosecution, the claim is not limited thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicants' representatives conducted telephonic interviews with the Examiner on December 1-5, 2008. Examiner Vu, Steve Wight, and Ryan Fox were in attendance. During the interview, the Examiner and Applicants' representatives discussed the rejections of the claims as well as proposed claim language. Language proposed during the interviews was entered by Examiner's Amendment.

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